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Weather Synopsis: Upper trough over northern Greece and Turkey causing fair weather over East Mediterranean.

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Jerusalem	26-30	22-28	22-28
Tiberias	26-30	22-28	22-28
Haifa	26-30	22-28	22-28
Tel Aviv	26-30	22-28	22-28
Lod Airport	26-30	22-28	22-28
Jerusalem	26-30	22-28	22-28
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Elia	26-30	22-28	22-28

A: Humidity at 5 p.m. B: Yesterday's temperature range. C: Today's temperature forecast.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Jose Maria Chavez, President of the Israeli-Bero American, Spain and Portugal Institute for Cultural Relations in New York, as guest of the Institute's director in Jerusalem.

Mr. Zvi Aronson, Assistant Legal Advisor to the Foreign Ministry, from a trip to Buenos Aires in connection with Jewish rights to compensation payments for Nazi victims.

Mr. Abraham Kahane, Chairman of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, from the Israeli delegation to the International Chamber of Commerce in Copenhagen (by air).

DEPARTURES

Dr. Ephraim Katchalski, head of the Department of Biology at the Weizmann Institute, for a lecture tour in the U.S. (by air).

Prof. I. Drapkin, head of the Institute of Criminology at the Hebrew University, for Europe and North and South America, to lecture at various universities.

Mr. Eliezer Rudnikin, General Manager of Israel Mining Industries, for a tour in the U.S. (by air).

Mr. Uri Michaeli, Aviation Advisor of the Ministry of Defense, to attend the I.A.T.A. conference in Montreal (by air).

Gala Premiere For Soviet Artists

TEL AVIV. — The first concert by the first Soviet musicians to come to Israel was given last night at the Manna Auditorium by an enthusiastic capacity audience. No standing room was available, and black-market tickets were being hawked outside before the concert.

The audience included the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail Bodrov, under whose patronage the concert was given. The Knesset Speaker, Cabinet Minister, Mayor Mordechai Namir, and most members of the diplomatic corps.

Our music critic writes: Lev Vlasenko's performance of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 was outstanding. Mikhail Weinman's interpretation of Beethoven's Violin Concerto was less inspired but received enthusiastically.

The Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra was conducted by Garry Bertini.

At a reception after the concert at Beit Sokolov, the artists were greeted by the Mayor in both Hebrew and Russian. Mr. Namir recalled both his own and the Foreign Minister's experiences of Soviet theatre and music during their respective terms as ambassadors to Moscow.

The pianist, Lev Vlasenko, told the gathering of the responsibility he and his colleagues felt as the first Soviet artists to appear in Israel. He said that contact through music was an excellent harbinger of peace between the two nations.

His remarks were translated into Hebrew by Mrs. Meir.

Mr. Zvi Haftel, of the I.P.O., said that he hoped that the present visit of the distinguished soloists was only the beginning of cultural exchanges between the U.S.S.R. and Israel.

DRIVER KILLED IN CRASH WITH TRAIN

ACRE. — The driver of a jeep, Emanuel Dotan, of Tivon, was killed instantly here on Friday when his jeep was demolished by an oncoming train.

Dotan, a foreman at Solel Boneh, was driving out of the Putnam chemical plant and crossing the tracks when he was hit. The train gave long horns warning of its approach, but the driver apparently disregarded them.

He leaves a wife and an adult son.

The plant gate is just nine metres away from the crossing and there is a warning sign. Visibility is good. However, before reaching the gate, only 15 metres from the tracks, but blocks vision to the south.

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Elections Begin in Earnest

Well-attended meetings, with alert audiences, were the general rule this week-end as party leaders brought their message to the electorate and real campaigning began on Friday night. With two months to go to polling day, the first election posters began to appear on walls and hoardings.

The word "democracy" turned up frequently in week-end speeches, with the Liberals and Herut accusing Mapai of endangering democracy and the Mapai speakers denying the charge. One Mapai meeting, in Moshe Amichai, was broken up by hoodlums.

Democracy Not in Danger — Sharett

The Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Moshe Sharett, in his first election speech, declared at the Habimah Theatre on Friday night that "it would be a disaster if it were to be said that democracy was in danger. The word 'democracy' is not a magic word, but it is a reality. It is a reality that democracy does exist in Israel."

Sharett agreed that perhaps "some things require moral reassessment, but the issue at stake in the elections is not the country's leadership, but the country's future. Mapai has made mistakes, but the only way not to make mistakes was to do anything at all, he said. Mapai had been convulsed by disputes but absence of argument means lack of thought, Mr. Sharett declared.

Attacking Mapai and Abduh Ha'arova, he said: "These so-called left-wing parties are not a labour government yet they do their best to destroy it. If they call for unity, why do they insist on disunity?"

Premier Appeals For Writers' Aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Equal opportunity in education and free schooling for each child in Israel are high on the list of the State's major problems. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion told a closed meeting of writers and artists at the Mapai-sponsored Mithras Club on Friday night.

Mr. Ben-Gurion called on the writers to contribute their share to the raising of the educational and cultural level of the nation.

The consensus of the debate that followed was that the State should encourage cultural activity and creation through the adoption of a special "culture policy."

This was the Premier's first meeting with writers and poets since the armistice exchange of letters and articles on the role of literature and his own literary tastes several months ago.

The chairman of the Mithras Club, Mr. Yacov Horowitz, presided.

Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Education, was in an out-door rally in Jerusalem Boulevard in Jaffa, said that the country's main task was to build a new society and now only seek to stir up scandals.

Herut: A Plague On All Your Houses

Herut speakers attacked Mapai and the Liberals, the former for the threatening of democracy and the latter for the threatening of the Jewish people's power in the next coalition.

These elections will decide whether the parliamentary government based on law will survive in Israel or whether our country will fall under the domination of a single caste, Mr. E. Shohat said in Ramat Yitzhak.

The Herut leader noted trends inside Mapai similar to other countries where "a ruler and his coterie first eliminated veterans inside their own party and then went on to impose their will on the country as a whole."

At the same meeting, Dr. Y. Shoham, M.K., said that the Liberals are not interested in providing an alternative to Mapai but in obtaining an easier bargaining position for an extra portfolio.

Barzilai: B-G's Trip 'An Election Stunt'

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HAIFA. — The Premier's recent journey abroad was nothing more than election stunt, said the results show, according to Mr. Y. Barzilai, the Minister of Health.

Speaking at a Mapai rally here on Friday night, he said that the country's situation is no worse or better after B-G's trip.

"Davar" had reported that Mr. Kennedy had definitely refused to sell us any arms, even of types not available elsewhere. The U.S. President had also suggested our admitting some Arab refugees, without even making a hint of a general peace settlement and he had not acted on Mr. Ben-Gurion's request to ask Khrushchev to join the tri-partite pact guaranteeing Middle East peace, Mr. Barzilai said.

With Dr. Gaul, the Premier should have made it clear that we must take an independent stand when our relations with the Afro-Asian states were at stake, as on the Sahara atom testing issue. But this was not done, Mr. Barzilai said, and it was of no use to build one's reputation at the expense of others, no less important.

He also made it clear that Mapai would play up "the issue of the left" in the election fight, as this was the true bone of contention in the campaign.

The meeting, at the Atmon Club, was attended by some 700 persons.

Chagall Windows Shown at Louvre

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

CARIS. — The Minister of Culture, Dr. Andre Malraux, on Friday inaugurated an exhibition at the Louvre of 12 stained-glass windows designed by Marc Chagall in the shape of a Roman arch, the synagogue of the Hadassah Medical Centre in Ein Karem.

A special temporary pavilion was erected on the Louvre's grounds to accommodate the 12 magnificent windows—one for every tribe of Israel, says each in the shape of a Roman arch, 3.38 m. high and 2.51 m. wide.

The artist showed Mr. Malraux Israeli Ambassador Walter Eyal and other distinguished guests around the hall, in which eight of his preparatory sketches were also displayed.

In the first two days, 3,500 visitors saw the exhibition, which will also be displayed in New York before the windows reach their ultimate destination in Israel.

GEN. ANDERSON ENDS VISIT

LYDIA AIRPORT. — The O.C. British Ground Forces in the Middle East, Lt-General Richard Neville Anderson, left yesterday by R.A.F. plane after a short visit.

He was seen off by the Chief of Army Intelligence, Aluf Haim Herzog. (Times)

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Search of Mike Fails To Turn Up Blitz

SAFAD. — The police carried the search for escaped convict Raphael Blitz to a local mikveh (ritual bath) and its surroundings on Friday.

A call had come in from a local resident, Mr. Y. Tzafri, saying that a young man resembling Blitz had asked the way to the mikveh.

The search revealed a peaking student, with some likeness to the escapee, innocently taking his Friday ritual bath.

\$857,000 Diamond Fraud Indictment

TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Nagler, the 38-year-old diamond merchant who is suspected of defrauding two banks of \$857,000, was formally indicted on Friday in the Tel Aviv District Court.

The accused, who holds an American passport, was arrested in March at Lod Airport on his return to Israel and was released on \$100,000 bail. The trial will begin on June 27.

In the 36-count indictment Nagler is accused of defrauding the Union Bank of \$620,000 and the Discount Bank of \$237,000 by depositing as collateral for loans rough diamonds worth far less than their declared value.

Nagler allegedly changed the true diamonds for worthless ones after they were examined and attested to by the bank's assessors, and were on their way for deposit in the banks. (Times)

Still Can't Wed After Proving Conversion

ASHKELON. — The local Religious Council has still not agreed to the marriage of Yosi Dasilva, a son of converts to Judaism from the Italian village of San Nicandro, to a Jewish girl here, Talia Mann, despite the fact that Dasilva has already received documents from the Jewish community in Rome attesting to his conversion to Judaism 15 years ago.

The Council last week refused to marry Dasilva, claiming that he had not proved his conversion to Judaism. They referred the whole question to the Rabbinical Court in Be'er Sheva.

The couple has in the meantime set their wedding date for Wednesday in the belief that a favourable decision will be reached by then. They are both members of Moshav Geva.

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Israeli Sports Car Going Into Production Today

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HAIFA. — Production of Israel's smash hit Sabra sports car, of which 850 have already been ordered, is starting at the Autocars assembly plant here today. The first two models, brought from Britain by designer Colin Thomson, were shown to the press on Friday.

The Sabra, mainly from the U.S. and Canada, were placed on the basis of the prototype shown at the recent international auto show in New York.

Long (4.19 m.), low (1.27 m.), light (750 kg.), sleek, shiny and elegant, the breathing-taking two-seater is made of fibreglass. Powered by a four-cylinder, 1,700 c.c. four-cylinder motor, it can reach 180 k.p.h.

Mr. Yitzhak Shubinsky, General Manager of Autocars, said that the first Sabra would be ready by August 1. It will retail for \$2,500 in the U.S.

He also hopes to sell 150 Sabras a year in Israel, at \$11,000 each.

Mr. Thomson is staying a year to supervise production.

The first 100 cars will include 40 per cent imported parts, with the body made here. Gradually the foreign parts will be reduced, and such things as windows, tires, convertible roof and some mechanical parts will be made here.

Negotiations are proceeding with Uruguay for the possible assembly of the car from Israeli parts.

Mr. Shubinsky said that Autocars also expected to produce its own motors by the end of the year. This would become economically worthwhile when car production would hit 10,000 a year.

For the next 12 months, Autocars has export orders worth \$2m.

Licence Fees For Diesel Taxis Cut

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Annual licence fees for diesel taxis have been reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000. The same \$1,200 reduction applies to the lower fee charged to disabled taxi-drivers.

This decision was taken by a committee appointed to study earnings and costs for taxis. The report has not yet been released.

The concession will help save a reduction in the cost of their inter-urban services, which have been the least profitable branch of the taxi trade, almost all inter-urban taxis are diesel while petrol engine vehicles, which constitute about two-thirds of the country's taxis, operate mostly on short hauls.

Earnings of owner-drivers range from \$1,000 to \$1,400 a month, but the higher incomes are confined to the owners of petrol vehicles, and can reach (where the owner also employs a salaried driver in order to operate the taxi for a longer working day) \$1,400 a month.

Inter-urban short services have not raised their prices for several years, except for the increase at the beginning of this year caused entirely by the \$1,200 augmentation of licence fees, the 20 per cent rise in the purchase tax on tires, and the higher tax on diesel fuel. The main reason for this price stability is the stiff competition of the buses.

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Minority parties may see the office of State Controller as an important prize, and it is rumoured that Abduh Ha'arova, former Director-General of the Interior Ministry, has been considered. Another popular nominee is Dr. E. Neher, a member of the National Religious Party, who has the advantage of not being an active politician yet boasts an imposing record in the field of public finance and administration.

It is understood that none of the parties or official bodies have so far consulted the incumbent, Dr. Sigfried Moses, on the choice of a successor, a fact that is a surprise in view of the State Controller's Office. Dr. Moses himself, it is learnt, has approached two persons whom he considers suitable candidates, but received a negative reply in both cases.

Justice Witkon has also been discussed for the post as a person of impeccable objectivity, though it is doubted whether he would leave his position in the Supreme Court.

A number of important figures in Mapai maintain that the post of State Controller should not be allocated to any political group, not even Mapai, and Dr. Joseph is not yet a final choice within Mapai.

The Knesset House Committee has been asked to recommend a candidate to the President before Dr. Moses term expires in December.

